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JOHN LATHROP

Mrs. Hoag's Brother.

Returned home from New Brunswick on Saturday morning, September 16, about 10 o'clock and saw Officer Carrigan and Schneider in a car parked in front of De Russeys Lane, who told him of the two dead bodies in the field. He went to the field and saw the bodies from every angle. They were lying side by side with the feet towards the crab apple tree and the heads towards Phillips Lane. Dr. Hall's right hand was against Mrs. Mill's left shoulder. Her face was clotted with blood and her hair was dishevelled. There was another officer present when Mr. Lathrop arrived making out a report. The bodies lay there an hour or so before two men came, picked up and read the letters, laughed, and put them in a newspaper. Saw the Coroner who lifted the hats and saw the faces. Lathrop hunted for automobile or shoe tracks or trails but did not find any. He did not see any card against Dr. Hall's foot and no watch chain. He did not see any cartridge shells. He would have seen a card at Dr. Hall's foot had one been there.

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JOHN LATHROP.

August 18, 1926.

Mrs. Hoag's Brother.

TESTIFIED (Page 630 et seq.):

Lived opposite Phillips Farm in the angle between Easton Avenue and De Russey Lane on September 14, 1922. Now lives in Bloomfield, New Jersey (630).

Returned home from New Brunswick Saturday morning about ten o'clock. Saw officer Garrigan and Schneider in a car parked in front of De Russey Lane who told him of the two dead bodies in the field (631).

Went to the field and saw the bodies and took them in from every angle (631).

Another officer there making a report (631).

Bodies lay an hour or so before two men came, picked up and read letters, laughed at contents, put them in a newspaper (632).

Bodies side by side. Dr. Hall's right hand against Mrs. Mills' left shoulder. Mrs. Mills' face clotted with blood and hair dishevelled (632).

Feet towards tree and head towards Phillips Lane (632).

Great deal of blood under Mrs. Mills' head because undertaker, after picking her up, wiped his hands on the grass (633).

Cut cross in crab apple tree (633).

Saw Coronor who he thought was a farmer though he lifted heads and saw faces (634).

Hunted for automobile or shoe marks or trails and did not find any (634).

Mrs. Mills right foot across left (634).

Walked all around bodies and saw no card against Dr. Hall's foot (635).

Dr. Hall's coat was open and saw no watch chain (635).

CROSS EXAMINATION:

Lathrop was living with sister, Mrs. Hoag, and her husband (636).

Would have seen a card at Dr. Hall's foot had there been one (636).

Saw no shells on the ground when he saw the bodies (637-9).